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For: DNA ENCODING A HUMAN MELANIN CONCENTRATING
HORMONE RECEPTOR (MCH1) AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 30, 2003
OFFICE ACTION, SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT, AND PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the July 30, 2003 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 30, 2003 Office Action was due October 30, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action. The fee for a three month extension of time for a large entity is nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950.00). A check for one thousand one hundred thirty dollars (\$1,130.00) is enclosed, which amount includes the \$950.00 extension fee and the \$180.00 fee for the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith. With a three month extension of time, a response is now due January 30, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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In response to the July 30, 2003 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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